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THE LOTUS - KETCHIKAN

Ketchikan Miner, April 10, 1914.
IMPROVING THE LOTUS
The work of improving the Lotus Bar is moving right along. The barroom has been generally overhauled and plastered, and a new bar and back bar have been ordered, which will be installed on the south side of the room. New plate glass windows will replace the old front, and the entire place will be brought up to date by Churchill & Smith, the new owners, who intend to make the Lotus the finest place in town.

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, May 1, 1914.
A CLASSY BUFFET

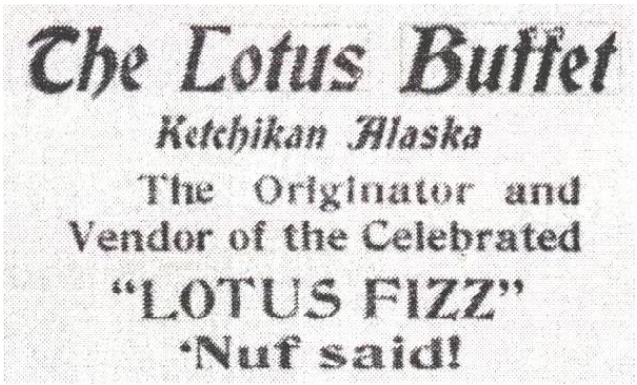
Al Kreidler is doing fine work in remodeling the old Eagle Saloon into the Lotus Buffet for the new proprietors, Smith and Churchill, and the place promises to be the finest of its kind in Alaska. The new front is now in position, and is certainly a work of art. The interior is being panelled, new "battleship" linoleum is being laid on the floor, and the bar and office fixtures left Seattle on the Meteor and are due to arrive most anytime. Some fine palms have been ordered and will be used for decorating, Messrs Smith and Churchill know their business from one end to the other and the Lotus will be a popular resort. They expect to have a grand opening about the first of May.

Ketchikan Miner, May 1, 1914.
BAR FIXTURES ARRIVE
The fixtures for the Lotus Buffet arrived on the Meteor last night, after being looked for for several days. There are 35 tons of them in all, and they will be put in position at once.

Ketchikan Miner, June 3, 1915.
DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP
Notice is hereby given that the firm of Smith & Kubley, conducting the Lotus Buffet at Ketchikan, Alaska, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, C.A. Smith having bought out the interest of L.H. Kubley. All bills due the house or owing to same will be paid to or paid by C.A. Smith.
Done at Ketchikan, Alaska, this 28th day of May, 1915.
L.H. Kubley
C.A. Smith

While this partnership between C.A. Smith and L.H. Kubley was dissolved, the two continued to have business relations. Whether these were friendly or confrontational, the news articles do not say. See page 6 of more information on the Kubley family.

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, Sept. 23, 1915.
Remember the Arctic Brotherhood's Dance to be given in their new club room over the Lotus Buffet at 9 o'clock tonight. A good time is assured all who come.



Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, Oct. 2, 1915.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This issue was going to have the Kubley's of Ketchikan on the front page. There is a lot in the LoC about the Kubley's. But it just didn't have enough that could be related to tokens. But in researching the Kubley's, the Lotus had enough interesting bits about the token issuers, including the fact that Lawrence Kubley was once a partner in the Lotus. So the Lotus ended up being the front page, and the Kubley's are on page 5.

I have been wondering how to incorporate the Duane Feisel collection of Alaska Restrike/Fantasy tokens into the newsletter. It is nine pages, and that is pretty much the whole 10 pages that I usually do. So I am tacking it on as a supplement.

The star on eBay this month, as far as the number of bids goes, was the D.D. Club with 42 bids! I should have been so lucky with the four Anchorage tokens I put up. Two only sold for opening bid. The least interesting (to me) was the Kustatan Packing Co., and it saw lively bidding. The fourth went unsold. Shows what I know.

The Horseshoe Cigar Store encased cent from Fairbanks was the bargain of the month! While more expensive, the Branch from Seward was also a good buy.

ARRC tokens continue to bring strong prices. On a related note, the 2026 "Redbook" removed them from their listings.

Many thanks to those who have re-subscribed.

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage, Collins Cigar Store, 12½¢, B-13a	400.00OB
Anchorage, D.D. Club, 12½¢, B-15aI	152.50
Anchorage, Kustatan Pkg. Co., 5¢, B-26a	261.00
Anchorage, Montana Pool Hall, 12½¢, B-29a	500.00OB
Anchorage, Tradewinds Bar, 1 Drink, B-36a	212.50
Fairbanks/Dawson, 25¢ copper plug	69.00
Fairbanks, Horseshoe Cigar Store, encased	21.05
Palmer, ARRC, 1¢, B-1a	380.00
Palmer, ARRC, 5¢, B-1b	360.00
Palmer, ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	162.50
Palmer, ARRC, 25¢,B-1d	360.00
Seward, The Branch, 12½¢, B-3b	604.00
Shishmaref, Native Store, 5¢, B-1a	17.75
Skagway, McCreedy & Elliott, 25¢, B-1c	21.43
AYPE, encased cent, round	32.77

Souvenir of Alaska	15.00
Mishler AK-HI 1959, ox. N/S, HK-534	188.50

OB =Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

Seward Daily Gateway, March 29, 1928.

New York, March 25 -- Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Magrid, fur raisers at Deering, Alaska, were awarded for their 6,000 mile mush to this city. Their reward consisted of a judgement of $600 granted by the Municipal Court by Judge Genug where the couple sought to recover the value of 13 huskies and sled borrowed, they said, by ***Louis Rotman,*** *in February a year ago and which was not returned in April as he had promised.*

Rotman wanted the dog team for a journey to Nenana, they testified, in the capacity of a fur buyer for Hirsch and Fretchel, a New York concern. The firm said Rotman had not been authorized to hire the team but plaintiffs replied that the firm displayed photographs of the man and dogs in an advertisement.

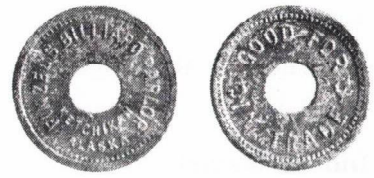
See Pilgrim Hot Springs, page 7!

LOTUS BUFFET, CONT.

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, December 17, 1915.
CHAS. FINZEL WILL MOVE
Manager Chas. Finzel of the Bowling Alley has arranged to take over the lease and improvements of the Arctic Brotherhood of their clubrooms over the Lotus Buffet. His lease on the Bowling Alley expires the first of the year and he will move his equipment and stock to the new location. Charlie left for Seattle last night to purchase new stock and equipment to make his new place strictly up to date in every respect.

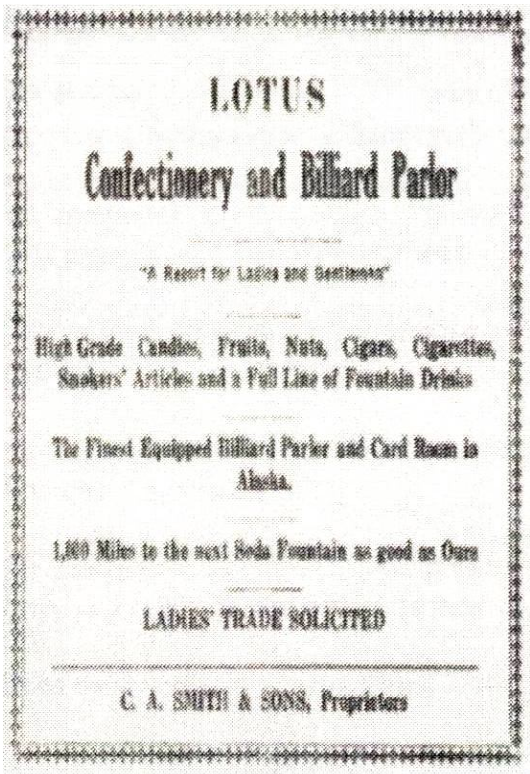
Could this have been a token issued by Finzel for his pool room above the Lotus?

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, January 5, 1918.
NEW POOL ROOM TO OPEN TOMORROW MORN.



Mr. Charles Finzel, proprietor of the pool and billiard room, formerly the Lotus, announces that he has moved his property to the building formerly occupied by the Northern Bar, and will be open for business tomorrow morning at eight o'clock. Besides pool and billiards, soft drinks and cigars will be on sale.

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, July 16, 1918.
NO FOUNDATION FOR ANNOYING RUMOR
Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Smith, of the Lotus Billiard Parlor, have been annoyed by a persistent rumor circulating about to the effect that their son Grover, who was one of the first to be drawn for service and who went to Haines with the other boys, was a "slacker." This rumor is said to have been started when he was transferred with others to Fort Liscum as guard. And although those who know Grover best, know better than that, which would under ordinary circumstances be sufficient. Under the present conditions, the parents felt annoyed and due inquiry was made with the result that Assistant Attorney Ragan received the following wire


LOTUS

Confectionery and Billiard Parlor

"A Resort for Ladies and Gentlemen"

High Grade Candies, Fruits, Nuts, Cigars, Cigarettes, Smokers' Articles and a Full Line of Fountain Drinks

The Finest Equipped Billiard Parlor and Card Room in Alaska.

1,000 Miles to the next Soda Fountain as good as Ours

LADIES' TRADE SOLICITED

C. A. SMITH & SONS, Proprietors

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, July 20, 1918.
from post Commander, Capt. C.H. McMahon, of Haines.

"Steve Ragan,
Ketchikan, Alaska: -
"Grover Smith is no slacker. Transferred to U.S. Guards because physically unfit for overseas duty.
C.H. McMahon
Dated July 15th, 1918.

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, March 5, 1919.
C.A. SMITH TAKES FIVE-YEAR LEASE ON NEW LOCATION
Mr. C.A. Smith, former owner of the Lotus Buffet, and pioneer business man of the First City, has again evidenced his faith in the future of the city by taking a five-year lease on the large addition to the Poodle Dog Grill, where Alaska Labor Union was located until recently.

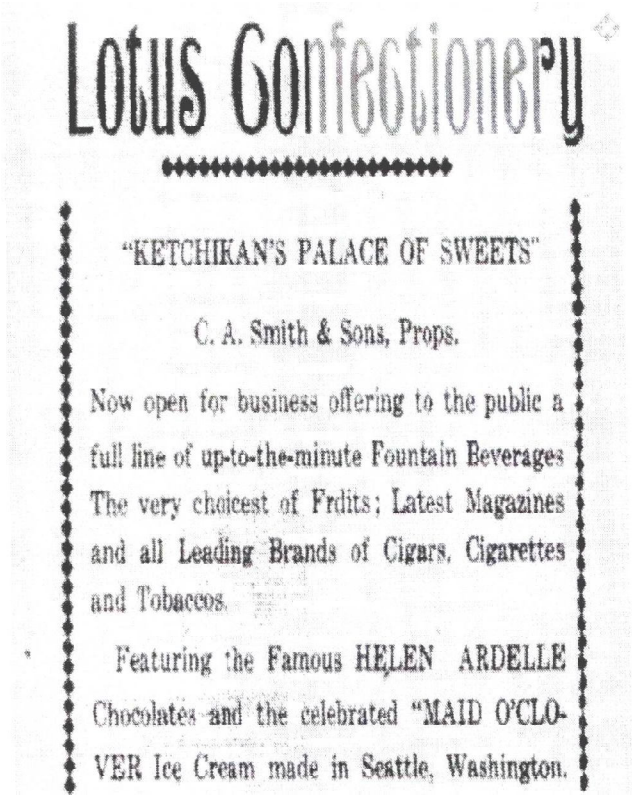
Mr. Smith plans on installing an up-to-date fountain and confectionery shop in the premises just leased and will operate under the name of the Lotus. He expects to go south on the Princess Mary with Mrs. Smith to purchase the new fixtures which he hopes to have installed within a short time.

LOTUS BUFFET, CONT.

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, April 17, 1919.
LOTUS BLOOMS FORTH AGAIN

"At the sign of the Lotus" is no longer merely a memory, but again a pleasant reality, owing to the quick work and discrimination shown by Mr. C.A. Smith and his sons Grover and Archie, in opening their new store under the famous name formerly used.

The new "Lotus" confectionery is in a new location, next door to the Poodle Dog Grill, but it is not way lest comfortable or tempting place to quaff a new drink than it ever was. According to a new advertisement which goes into the publication tomorrow, the Lotus is "now open for business." Here's good luck to the new Lotus.



Lotus Confectionery

"KETCHIKAN'S PALACE OF SWEETS"

C. A. Smith & Sons, Props.

Now open for business offering to the public a full line of up-to-the-minute Fountain Beverages The very choicest of Frdits; Latest Magazines and all Leading Brands of Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobaccos.

Featuring the Famous HELEN ARDELLE Chocolates and the celebrated "MAID O'CLOVER Ice Cream made in Seattle, Washington.

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, April 19, 1919.

A REBUTTAL

Last issue we quoted from "Gamblers and Dreamers" about the 1907 effort to "clean up" Dawson. This was nothing new. Being fair minded, we feel we should offer a rebuttal, one that was made in 1901!

Daily Morning Alaskan, Skagway, March 1, 1901.
Managers of the Big Companies Claim It Will Throw Hundreds of Girls and Gamblers on the Community - Investments Will Also Be Greatly Depreciated.

Dawson, Feb. 28. -- The order closing the gambling houses and prohibiting the sale of liquor in theaters except at the bar created great consternation here.

Yesterday, the date on which the order should go into effect was set. Major Wood positively fixed March 16.

Immediately on the news becoming known, the managers of the North American Trading and Transportation Company, Alaska Commercial Company, Alaska Exploration Company, Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Bank of British North America met and drew up a petition to Ottawa asking for the postponement of the law until June at the earliest.

They gave as their reasons that thousands of dollars worth of liquor would depreciate by at least one-half if the gambling houses are closed and the gamblers go out of business.

They also said that the government invited and permitted the gamblers to engage in business, and now by suddenly throwing them out it would throw them and the girls on the community and would greatly depress investments.

The petition will be telegraphed to Ottawa, while another will be sent by mail.

Obviously, the 1901 "clean-up" did not happen!

The Kubleys of Ketchikan

The Kubley's consisted of Henry G. Kubley, his son Lawrence H., and daughters Ruth and Alma.

It appears that the daughters ran the "Kandy Kitchen"

Ketchikan Miner, May 8, 1908.
The new store on the dock which will be occupied by the Misses Kubley in a short time, is being put into fine shape by Axel Osberg and Chris Hoover who are doing the carpenter work and decorating.

Ketchikan Miner, May 30, 1908.
The Kubley sisters received a large shipment of Seattle ice cream on the Jefferson this morning, which they are not prepared to dispense in their neat little store on the dock.

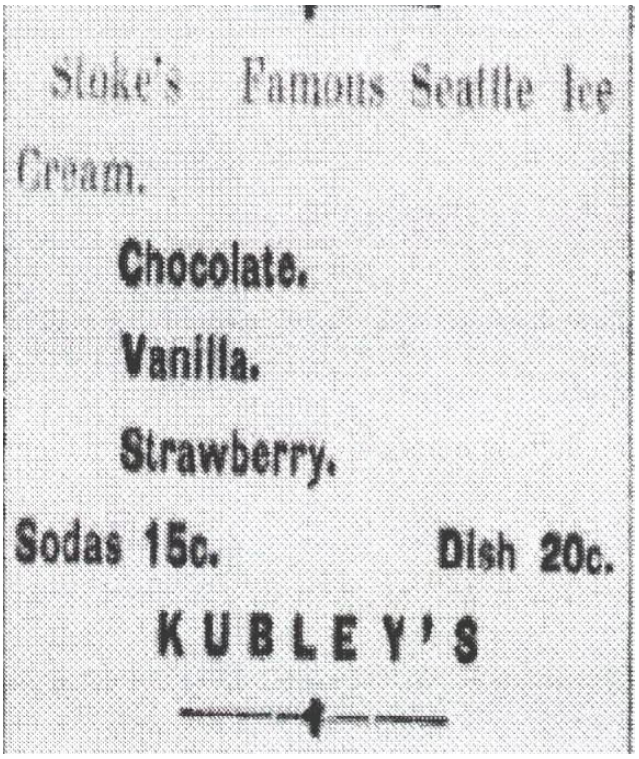
Ketchikan Miner, June 27, 1908.
The Kubley confectionery store received a large shipment of Seattle ice cream yesterday on the Jefferson, and also a large lot of all kinds of fresh fruits.

Ketchikan Miner, May 31, 1912.
At Portland, H.G. Kubley is doing considerable business outfitting miners and prospectors on the American side.

Ketchikan Miner, June 21, 1912.
H.G. Kubley, Portland's energetic merchant, has constructed a new steel powder house and has ordered a shipment of cement to protect the powder from a possible stray bullet.

The Portland referred to here is now Hyder, the canal is the Portland Canal. A good amount of prospecting and mining was taking place on both sides of the border. Hyder is adjacent to Stewart, B.C. This is the only information I found on Henry Kubley.

From this point on, there is only one reference to the Kubley's Kandy Kitchen, the rest being to "Kubley's" or "Kubley's Store". It must be assumed that these are separate from the Kandy Kitchen because of the following articles.



Ketchikan Miner, July 6, 1913.

Ketchikan Miner, May 1, 1914.
BALL SUITS
I would like for all those having any of the Tongass Green suits to leave them at the Tongass store, all those having J.R.H. suites to leave them at J.R. Heckman's store. The Ketchikan uniforms should be left at Kubley's Kandy Kitchen. This call is merely to get a line on what uniforms we have, so that we can prepare for the season.

Lawrence Kubley is mentioned several times in reports of baseball games. He was apparently very active in this sport.

Ketchikan Miner, June 19, 1914.
THE TRIP TO RUPERT
The Fourth of July committee have tickets out for those wishing to make the trip to Prince Rupert on July 1st. All those wishing tickets can get them at Kubley's Kandy Kitchen, Smith's and Slotten's candy store.

Ketchikan Miner, June 3, 1915.
DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

See the article on the Louvre.

The Kubleys of Ketchikan, CONT.

Ketchikan Miner, July 15, 1915.
The famous Rogers Victoria Chocolates have arrived in town. Kubley's have secured the agency for these delicate creams, and have a small supply on hand. The chocolate that is different. adv.

Ketchikan Miner, August 5, 1915.
While engaged in fighting the fire under the Pure Food Cannery Saturday night, Lawrence Kubley received a bad fall. The fire was under the building, and as Lawrence was nozzleman, it was up to him to "get out and get under.," which he did. While standing on one of the cross pieces, it broke, dropping him down on to a pile of old rubbish, cutting him badly on the hand and head. After the fire was out he went to Dr. Myers' office where the cuts and bruises were dressed, and is around with both hands tied up.

Lawrence would go on to become fire chief.

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, August 28, 1918.
L.H. KUBLEY SWINGS BIG DEAL
Lawrence H. Kubley, owner of the Dream Theatre and the Kubley Confectionery and Curio store, obtained the consent today of the J.B.Carroll & Company of Juneau, owners of the Lotus building to purchase the six year lease on the building now held by C.A. Smith.

Ed. Note: Kubley takes over a building from C.A. Smith.

Mr. Kubley, who was ordered to leave the Hoover building, on account of the lease taken on it by Mr. Jack Barbour for picture show purposes, plans to have the Lotus building remodeled for a picture house, and expects to have the nicest home possible for the new Dream.

Ketchikan Progressive-Miner, September 3, 1918.
Acting Sergeant Major, Grover Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Smith arrived last evening from Fort Liscum, Valdez, on a 60-day furlough. Sgt. Smith will assist his father take stock of this store for the purpose of disposing of the business to Lawrence H. Kubley, to whom the Lotus Building will be leased for the location of his picture theatre, the Dream.

A friendly or hostile take-over? Smith enters the confectionery business.

Nome Nugget, June 9, 1941.
Big Blaze Rages For One Hour At Ketchikan

The Walker Drug Company, Hunt's Book Store, Charles Insurance Agencies and Kubley's Liquor stores and Beer Parlor have all be wrecked along with the steamship company's office in the same building, and three apartments upstairs.

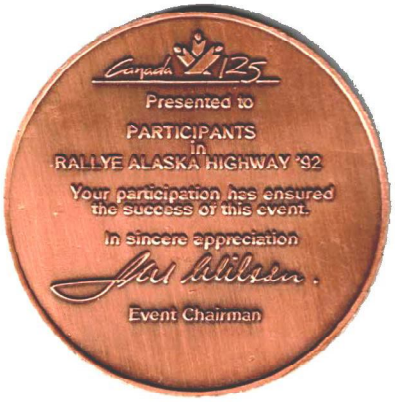
Daily Alaskan Empire, Juneau, Nov. 30, 1950.
By terms of a lease effective this day, the Palace Theatre went under the management of Lawrence Kubley, well known theatre man of Ketchikan. It was to be managed by Erick Paulson who announced new changes and decorations were to be done. The Palace had been operated for about 15 months by Max Pitschmann and J.B. Dalton, who took it over from ***John T. Spickett****, veteran local theatre man.*

ALASKA HIGHWAY RENDEZVOUS '92

One of the sanctioned events was the Rallye Alaska Highway '92. The dates of this event were September 20 to September 27, with the start at Dawson Creek, B.C., ending in Fairbanks.

The reverse of the medals states: "Canada 125 / Presented to / PARTICIPANTS / in / RALLYE ALASKA HIGHWAY '92 / Your participation has ensured / the success of this event. / in sincere appreciation / (signed) "Jock" Wilson / Event Chairman."

J. Malcolm Wilson was the event chairman.
Bronze, 51mm.



ESSIE DALE

From *Alaska,-Who's Here, -What's Doing, -Who's Doing It, 1955,* edited by Edmond C. Jeffery.

DALE, (Mrs.) Essie R., Merchant, The Hollywood Shop, 108 Cushman, Ph. 3371; The Budget Shop, 543 2nd Ph, 3204; The Sportsman, 412 2nd, Ph. 3338. Home: 909 6th Ave. Ph. 4506, Fairbanks. Born Mankato, Kan., Feb. 1 1881. Ed. Mankato grade and high school. Adv. Ed. Univ. of Wyo. (B.S.). Member Fairbanks Woman's Club; B.P.W.C.; Soroptimist; Democratic Club; Fairbanks C of C; Advisory Board, Salvation Army. Faith: Methodist. Married Ford F. Dale, June 1 1908. Children Inez Dale Ferguson, Dorothy Dale, Henri Ford Dale. Came to Alaska from Jackson, Wyo., in 1937, where she had been a teacher and school Supt. The family arrived with a new car which only had the down payment made on it - and the father was semi-invalid - the young son not yet of age. The father and son began contracting for buildings while Mrs. Dale opened a small dress shop. The war came along and the contracting business was suspended but the ladies apparel shop flourished. Daughter Dorothy soon joined her mother in the business and the men joined the partnership to form Dale Enterprises. The new venture, as sporting goods store, also carried men's clothing and in addition had a well-equipped shop for motor repair and gunsmithing. In 1953 they built the ultra-modern fireproof building to house the Sportsman Shop. They also own a Fishing Lodge on Paxson Lake. Mr. dale passed away in 1950 leaving only three partners in the Dale Enterprises. Mrs. Dale thinks the remarkable thing about her success is that she was past fifty when she came to Alaska --broke. She was Dem Nat'l Committeewoman 1948-54; served in the Territorial House of Rep. 1949-50; selected for "WHO'S WHO" 1952 edition. Hobbies: newspaper work, writing, flowers.

PILGRIM HOT SPRINGS

Nome Nugget, April 28, 1928.

Julius Silverman, the genial proprietor of the North Pole Bakery, and Louis Rotman, left Thursday morning for a visit to Pilgrim Hot Springs. They are expected to stay for a couple of weeks. Mr. Silverman is taking a well earned rest from his business.

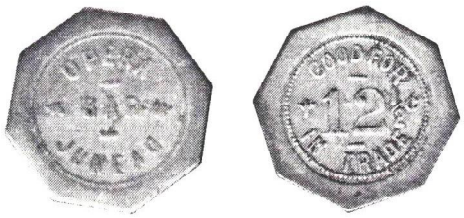
It seems that Louis was not much bothered by the court case in New York, brought against a New York furrier a month prior to this excursion! Before his stores in Selavik and Kotzebue, Louis Rotman was an accomplished dog driver. See March, 2022, page 28 for later information about Louis Rotman.

SOLDOTNA Y SERVICE

The Soldotna Y wooden dollar is not part of Gruening. All the years that I lived (1962-2000) and traveled the road to Homer, there was a Chevron station at the Y in Soldotna. If you turned right the road took you to Kenai. If you went ahead the road ended in Homer and the station was always known as the Y Chevron.
Kurtis Hawk.

Ed. note: I have driven to Homer many times, and never noticed a Y in the road. It was more like a right turn to go to Kenai.

FROM THE KAYE DETHRIDGE ARCHIVE



July 8, 1988

From Kaye to William Winn: Could you give me a brief rundown on your father's business there in Juneau. Any information such as when he came to Alaska, the years he operated and partners he might have had.

Dear Kay:
You have the wrong generation. My father was a lawyer, Speaker of the House of Representatives in the 1931 Territorial legislature - a number of other honors.

My great uncle - James Winn (Slim Jim Winn) a Cornishman (England) was prospecting in the Wrangell area in 1880 when the Juneau gold was discovered. He paddled a canoe to Juneau. I think he was always in the booze business.

He was one of a party of the first three white men to cross the Klukwan trail at Dyea. My grandfather, Col. William Winn came to Alaska around that time.

The two brothers built the Opera House saloon and theatre - I believe they owned several other bars - the Louvre for one.

No other partners were involved. The Opera House site is now the National Bank of Alaska.

The Winn's should never have left the booze business. Col. Winn and Jim died before I was born. A few pennies still exist.

-Bill Winn

For a contemporary account from 1900 of the Louvre and Opera Bar, see the Dec. 1992 issue.

This Louvre token was issued after the Winn's ownership.

March 15, 1988.

Dear Kaye,
I'm sorry to be so slow in answering your letter, but I'll tell you what I know. My grandfather came from Japan in 1898, and he went to Kennicott and worked for two years. In 1900, he came to Ketchikan. He opened a restaurant in the main block of town. In 1910, he hired Alex Guthrie to build the building we're still living in at 223 Stedman St. Over the years, the building had been a grocery store, a pool hall, bar, liquor store, and since 1945, it's been a confectionery (old fashion ice cream parlor). I think the tokens were probably made when it was a pool hall. I remember seeing them when I was a kid, but I don't know who has any of them. We used to have one, but don't know what happened to it. I will be in Sitka sometime in May..., so maybe I might get a chance to talk with you.

Sincerely,
Neil (Ohashi)

We mentioned this rumor in the December 2023 issue. None of these tokens have ever appeared.

NORTH STAR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - WHITEHORSE

Whitehorse B-6a

Daily Morning Alaskan, Skagway
June 20, 1900.
The North Star Athletic Club organized with 100 members. The club has a gymnasium reading room and baths.

December 7, 1900.
The North Star Athletic Club received its paraphernalia for the gymnasium last weak, and is now having the club house fitted up comfortably for the winter...

April 8, 1914.
The Whitehorse Star is making a fight to induce the closing of the bar in the North Star Athletic Club...It says a recent church social was held in the club rooms that the bar took in more money than the church organization.

SOURDOUGH DRU - HOPE, ALASKA

Black printing, 50mm, with a black on gold sticker "Genuine Alaska Gold."

Sourdough Dru's
Unique Gold Jewelry
Box 109 Main St.
Hope, Alaska 99605
(907) 782-3282
Email: goldy@gci.net
Website: www.hopegold.com

Born in Fairbanks, Alaska, I have lived all my life in various parts of Alaska. I have had pieces chosen to go on tour with the Anchorage Museum of History and Arts' "The Earth, Fire and Fibre XVI Alaska Biennial Craft Exhibition."

My pieces are featured at ***Sourdough Dru's*** *and* ***Bear Creek Lodge Cafe & Gifts*** *in Hope, Alaska;* ***Trapper Creek Inn; Portage Glacier Lodge; Sackett's Roadhouse Grill*** *on the Sterling Highway and* **Bardarson Studio** *by the waterfront in Seward.*

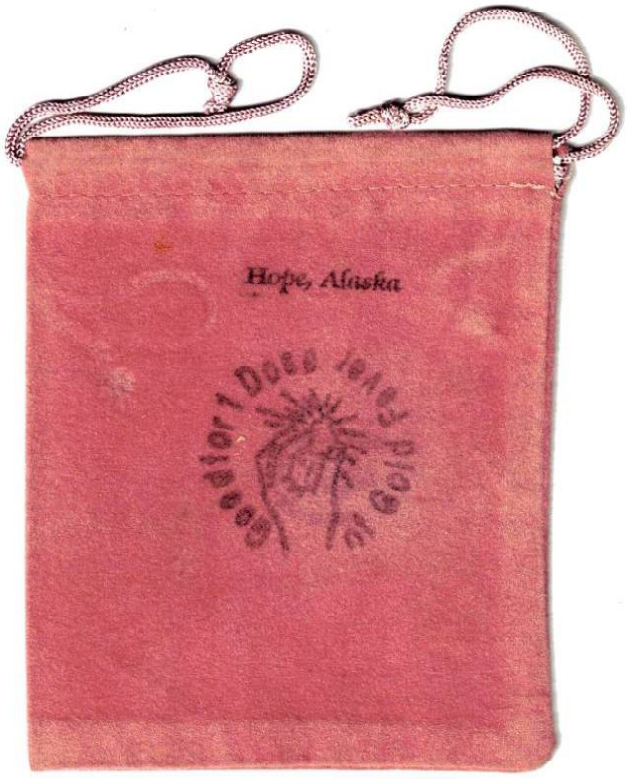
Much of my gold comes from the Chugach Mountains of the Kenai Peninsula. The rest comes from northern Alaska.

Sourdough Dru

I guarantee my work.

Flier and pouch shown at a reduced size. Pouch is a faded purple or pink, 4½" by 5¼".

Submitted by J.D. Williams



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DUANE H. FEISEL

The following is condensed from an article in the National Token Collectors Association publication by Paul Rasmussen Smith.

Duane H. Feisel is well know among token collectors, especially the older token collectors. His interest in exonumia spans over 60 years, going back to the days when tokens were hardly acknowledged, and token collectors were just a weird little bunch among coin collectors.

His first experience with tokens came when he was attributing Byzantine coins at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh. Some one donated a handful of parking tokens and he offered to research them. "Feisel's Catalogue of Parking Tokens of the World" was published by the American Vecturist Association (collectors of transportation tokens) in 1966. It was awarded a silver medal by the Token and Medal Society. In the 1970s, he continued to publish token related books with various co-authors.

Not being satisfied with collecting tokens, Duane became a manufacturer's representative for a number of firms making tokens and wooden nickels. He established good relations with Meyer & Wenthe of Chicago. He acquired some of their dies. He also had access to many of their records indicating who ordered the tokens, how many were made and when. This information was shared liberally, especially with the AVA. He was also able to acquire information on military tokens, which he shared with Paul Cunningham.

Duane's most popular book, "Catalog of Pre-Prohibition California Saloon Tokens" was published in 2004. He collaborated on several books after that time. This book introduced the CA scale - Certainty of Attribution - for maverick tokens. It ran from 0 (a guess, speculation, wishful thinking) to 1- could be; 2 - some probability, 3 - Good probability; 4 - Strong probability to 5 - 99% Quite certain of the attribution.

He was always active and in a leadership role in all token organizations: Merchant Token Collectors Association (METCA), Active Token Collector's Organization (ATCO), National Token Collectors Association (NTCA), TAMS and other more local organizations.

Duane is probably best known for the mail bid auction sales he conducted. He introduced a "bid bumping" system where bidders could continue to bid after the closing time of the auction. If no bids were received over a 15 minute period, the auction was over. One auction saw bid bumping going on until 4AM the next morning.

Duane's own collecting interests went way beyond tokens, which exceeded 100,000 pieces. He also collected U.S. gold coins, Byzantine coins, coins from Latin America, maps, rocks and minerals. It might be easier to list what he did not collect!

Last year, Duane's son sold quite a number of "fantasy tokens" on eBay, tokens struck from original dies, but with the reverse die having never been used by that business. Many were struck using "off metal" blanks and odd shapes. Most are weakly struck.

We are presenting these in a catalogue format, along with the prices realized on eBay. I must admit that I was quite surprised with some of the prices.

What can we learn from this collection? I guess the main thing is that the original tokens were made by the same stamping works. It is unlikely that the maker of the restrikes gathered dies from multiple manufacturers. And with study, we can place them in a time frame, based on the dates in Benice's *Alaska and Yukon Tokens*.

DUANE H. FEISEL COLLECTION
ALASKA RESTRIKES/FANTASIES

Non-Alaskan restrikes were made from dies discarded by Irvine & Jachens Manufacturers of Medals and Trade Tokens of San Francisco. We cannot say this is the case for the Alaska tokens. Tokens are shown at approximate actual size. Tokens are attributed to "B" numbers. No attempt has been made to match the size to the denomination.

Akiak, Carl I. Carlsen, B-1 67.66

Anchorage, D&D Bar, B-14 8.50

Anchorage, Fourth Ave. Liquor, B-19 8.50

Andreafsky & Kwiguk, Kern, B-1 21.62

Barrow, Tony's Recreation, B-1 47.00

Barrow, Tony's Recreation, B-1 16.50

Chisana, Lou Anderton, B-1 13.50

Chomly, Alaska Pacific Fisheries, B-1 223.50

Chomly, Alaska Pacific Fisheries, B-1 18.00

Chomly, Alaska Pacific Fisheries, B-1 16.50

Cordova, Model Dispensary, B-26 57.65

Cordova, United Bakery, B-37 16.50

Craig, Eddie Cogo, B-1 16.50

Craig, Eddie Cogo, B-1 16.50

Craig, Craig Inn, B-2 9.50

Craig, Lib's & Jessie's, B-3 8.50

Dillingham, Marguerite Bradford, B-1 11.50

Dillingham, Marguerite Bradford, B-1 16.50

Fairbanks, Alaska Cigar Store, B-1 15.50

Fairbanks, Brown Derby, B-10 89.88

Fairbanks, Brown Derby, B-10 16.50

Fairbanks, Imperial Cigar Store, B-28 16.60

Fairbanks, Imperial Cigar Store, B-28 16.50

Fairbanks, International Hotel, B-29 15.50

Fairbanks, International Hotel, B-29 37.36

Fairbanks, International Hotel, B-29 16.50

Fairbanks, Pioneer Hotel, B-45 15.50

Flat, Joe Parker, B-1 21.83

Ft. Yukon, J.A. Carroll, B-2 81.00

Ft. Yukon, H.E. Carter, B-3 81.00

Ft. Yukon, Michael, B-6 26.00

Ft. Yukon, Northern Comm. Co., B-7 81.00

Haines, Heller & Co., B-7 153.50

Hoonah, L. Kane, B-3 77.88

Hoonah, L. Kane, B-3 4.25

Hoonah, Ross Shakley Pool Hall, B-4 12.50

Hyder, McDonnell Hotel, B-3 89.00

Hyder, Northern Pool Hall, B-4 37.36
Hyder, Northern Pool Hall, B-4 16.50

Juneau, Fred Mattson, B-48 70.69

Juneau, New York Exchange, B-53 11.50

Ketchikan, C.R. Close, B-10 16.50

Ketchikan, Dad's Place, B-12 10.50

Ketchikan, New England Fish Co., B-36 57.78

Ketchikan, The Pioneer Barclay, B-42 11.50

Ketchikan, Pioneer Bar, B-43 12.50

Ketchikan, Pioneer Hotel, B-45 30.00

Ketchikan, Pioneer PH, T&M, B-46 16.50

Ketchikan, Pioneer PH, T&M (2), B-46 11.50

Ketchikan, Pioneer PH, T&M, B-46 16.50

Ketchikan, Pioneer PH, T&M, B-46 16.50

Ketchikan, Royal Cigar Store, B-52 16.50

Ketchikan, Scandia Bar, B-55 9.50

Ketchikan, Smoke Shop, B-59 16.50

Kodiak, Hotel Kodiak, B-42 111.11

Koyukuk, D. Vernetti, B-3 16.50, 22.50

Kukak Bay, Hemrich Pkg., B-1 219.50

Kukak Bay, Hemrich Pkg., B-1 22.50

Kukak Bay, Hemrich Pkg., B-1 16.50

Kukak Bay, Hemrich Pkg., B-1 16.50

McLean's Arm, AK Consolidated Can., B-1 153.50

McLean's Arm, AK Consolidated Can., B-1 20.50

McLean's Arm, AK Consolidated Can., B-1 22.50

McLean's Arm, AK Consolidated Can., B-1 36.00

Mt. Village, Sheppard Trd. Co., B-1 34.33

Mt. Village, Sheppard Trd. Co., B-1 15.50

Nome, A&P, B-1 16.50

Nome, North Pole Bakery, B-39 16.50

Nome, North Pole Bakery, B-39 31.36

Northern Commercial Co., B-5 12.50

Point Hope, St. Thomas Stores, B-1 255.00

Port Alexander, Arts Place, B-1 67.66

Port Alexander, Arts Place, B-1 16.50

Port Alexander, Pastime Card Room, B-5 16.50

Port Alexander, Pastime Card Room, B-5 16.50

Portlock, AK Con. Fisheries 204.52

Portlock, AK Con. Fisheries 16.50

Pybus Bay, Alaska Pacific Fisheries 69.86

Quadra, Southern AK Canning, B-1 141.50

Quadra, Southern AK Canning, B-1 6.53

Quadra, Southern AK Canning, B-1 103.51

Rose Inlet, S. AK Canning/N.C. Lower Yukon B-1/B-4 68.76

Ruby, Dayton, B-1 15.50

Saginaw Bay, Alaska Con. Can., B-1 68.67

Saginaw Bay, Alaska Con. Can., B-1 22.50

Selavik, Louis Rotman, B-2 16.83

Seldovia, Joe Hill, B-2 79.90

Seldovia, Joe Hill, B-2 16.50

Seward, The Palace, B-9 26.00

Seward, The Palace, B-9 (2) 51.00

Seward, Quality Bakery, B-11 3.95

Seward, Quality Bakery, B-11 20.50

Sitka, Hans Andersen, B-3 16.50

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Sitka, Fisherman's Cafe, B-9 57.65

Skagway, Shamrock Beer Parlor, B-24 12.50

Tee Harbor, Alaska Pacific Fisheries, B-1 138.29
Tee Harbor, Alaska Pacific Fisheries, B-1 60.00

Teller, Teller Commercial Co., B-3 11.50

Tenakee, Brunswick Billiard Co., B-1 99.00

Tenakee, Columbia Salmon Co., B-3 16.50

Tenakee, Columbia Salmon Co., B-3 67.66

Wrangell, Fred Cunningham, B-1 34.33

Wrangell, Grant & Lemieux, B-4 87.68

Yakutat, Monty Bay Billiard Hall, B-1 158.57

Yakutat, Monty Bay Billiard Hall, B-1 45.00

Yes Bay, Alaska Pacific Fisheries, B-3 67.66

Yes Bay, Alaska Pacific Fisheries,B-3 34.00